

CLAIMS:

1. An imaging apparatus for taking and recording an image, characterized by comprising:

 imager which takes an image;

 communicator which transmits/receives a signal to/from at least one external imaging apparatus;

 displayer which displays an image;

 image compositor which makes the displayer concurrently present, in a composite manner, the image taken by the imager, and at least one image respectively taken by and transmitted from each of at least a part of the at least one external imaging apparatus and received by the communicator;

 image selector which selects a desired image among the image taken by the imager and the at least one received image; and

 recorder which records, in a recording medium, a signal of the image selected by the image selector.

2. The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that a signal of the image taken by the imaging apparatus is transmittable to at least a part of the at least one external imaging apparatus by using the communicator.

3. The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the transmission/reception of the signal by the communicator is made by wireless communication.

4. The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the image compositor composites the images such that the image selected by the image selector is presented in a size larger than the other image or images not selected.

5. The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further comprising audio inputter which receives an audio input through a single channel, and wherein the recorder records in the recording medium a signal of the audio input sent from the audio inputter, as well as the signal of the image selected by the image selector.

6. The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further comprising image recognizer which recognizes an image in which a predetermined object is present among the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image, and notifies the recognized image to the image selector, and wherein the image selector selects the recognized image notified by the image recognizer.

7. The imaging apparatus according to claim 6, characterized in that where a plurality of images are recognized and notified by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image which is predetermined to be of a highest priority, among the images notified by the image recognizer.

8. The imaging apparatus according to claim 7, characterized in that where no image is recognized by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image among the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image, based on at least one of a predetermined priority ranking and an image last selected.

9. An image recording apparatus for recording an image inputted thereto, characterized by comprising:

image receiver which receives a signal of each of a plurality of images including at least one image respectively taken by and transmitted from at least one external imaging apparatus;

composite image generator which generates a composite image where the inputted image and the at least one image received by the image receiver are concurrently presented on the display in a composite manner;

image selector which selects a desired image among the inputted image and the at least one received image; and

recorder which records a signal of the image selected by the image selector.

10. A method for recording images respectively taken by a plurality of imaging apparatuses, characterized in that each of the imaging apparatuses is capable of:

transmitting a signal of an image taken by the each imaging apparatus to at least one of the other imaging apparatus, and

receiving at least one signal of a respective image or images respectively taken by at least a part of the other imaging apparatuses;

compositing the image taken by the each imaging apparatus, and the at least one image respectively received from the at least a part of the other imaging apparatuses, to concurrently present the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image on a screen; and

selecting a desired image from the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one image taken by each of the at least a part of the other imaging apparatuses, and recording the signal of the selected image.